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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—201) **Pages S6944, S6963, S6971–72**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, June 28, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7008–09.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, Reginald Jude Brown, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, Michael Montelongo, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, and John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Brown was introduced by Senator Warner, Mr. Montelongo was introduced by Representative Reyes, and Mr. Young was introduced by Senators Stevens and Inouye.

### DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 2002–2004 for the Defense Production Act, receiving testimony from Kenneth I. Juster, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Michael D. Brown, General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Eric J. Fygi, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Energy; and Delores

M. Etter, Acting Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee held hearings to examine the economic slowdown and its impact on productivity, the federal budget, and the outlook of the United States economy, receiving testimony from Martin N. Baily, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C., former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers; William C. Dudley, Goldman, Sachs, and Company, New York, New York; and Brian S. Wesbury, Griffin, Kubik, Stephens and Thompson, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, former Chief Economist for the Joint Economic Committee.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Vicky A. Bailey, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs and Domestic Policy, and John W. Keys III, of Utah, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, and Frances P. Mainella, of Florida, to be Director of the National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Baily was introduced by Senator Bayh, Mr. Keys was introduced by Senator Bennett, and Ms. Mainella was introduced by Senators Graham and Bill Nelson.

### PRESCRIPTION FRAUD

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine prescription fraud, focusing on the General Accounting Office report into consultants who advise health care providers how to take unfair advantage of the Medicare system, improperly bill the government, and circumvent compliance regulations, causing the loss of millions in taxpayers' dollars and inadequate treatment for the elderly, receiving testimony from Robert H. Hast, Managing Director, and William D. Hamel, Assistant Director of Investigations, both of the Office of Special Investigations, General Accounting Office; Marjorie Kanof, Deputy Director for Payment Policy, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Lewis Morris, Assistant Inspector General for Legal Affairs, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Kathryn Locatell, Sacramento, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Clark T. Randt, Jr.,

of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Douglas Alan Hartwick, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Charles J. Swindells, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa, Pierre-Richard Prosper, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, William A. Eaton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, Francis Xavier Taylor, of Maryland, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and Clark Kent Ervin, of Texas, to be Inspector General, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Swindells was introduced by Senators Gordon Smith and Wyden, Mr. Taylor was introduced by Senator Sarbanes, and Mr. Ervin was introduced by Senators Gramm and Hutchison.

### NURSING SHORTAGE

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the federal governments role in retaining nurses for the delivery of federally funded health care services, focusing on the effects nursing shortages have on health care and long-term care programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's and defense health, after receiving testimony from Rachael Weinstein, Director, Clinical Standards Group, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Denise H. Geolot, Director, Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Rear Adm. Kathleen L. Martin, USN, Director, Navy Nurse Corps; Janet Heinrich, Director, Health Care-Public Health Issues, General Accounting Office; Ann O'Sullivan, Illinois Nursing Association, Springfield, on behalf of the American Nurses Association; Gary A. Mecklenburg, Northwestern Memorial Healthcare, on behalf of the American Hospital Association, and Lynn Martin and Mary Jo Snyder, both of the University of Illinois Nursing Institute, all of Chicago, Illinois; Carol Anne Bragg, Professional Staff Nurses Association, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Service Employees International Union (AFL-CIO); and J.

David Cox, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Salisbury, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO).

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### DEATH PENALTY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the protection of the innocent, focusing on competent counsel in death penalty cases, and related provisions of S. 486, the Innocence Protection Act of 2001, after receiving testimony from Senators Gordon Smith and Collins; Representatives Delahunt and LaHood; Alabama Attorney General William H. Pryor, Jr., Montgomery; Texas State Senator Rodney G. Ellis, Austin; Ronald Eisenberg, Deputy District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Kevin Brackett, Deputy Solicitor General of the 16th Circuit, York, South Carolina; Stephen B. Bright, Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, Georgia; Beth A. Wilkinson, Latham and Watkins, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Constitution Project's Death Penalty Initiative; and Michael R. Graham, Roanoke, Virginia.

### ELECTION REFORM

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee held hearings to examine a report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights regarding the November 2000 election and election reform in general, receiving testimony from Mary Frances Berry, Chairperson, and Abigail M. Thernstrom, Commissioner, both of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell, Columbus; Hilary Shelton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Baltimore, Maryland; Raul Yzaguirre, National Council of La Raza, Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, League of Women Voters of the United States, and James C. Dickson, American Association of People with Disabilities, all of Washington, D.C.; and Larry J. Sabato, University of Virginia Center for Governmental Studies, Charlottesville.

Hearings recessed subject to call.